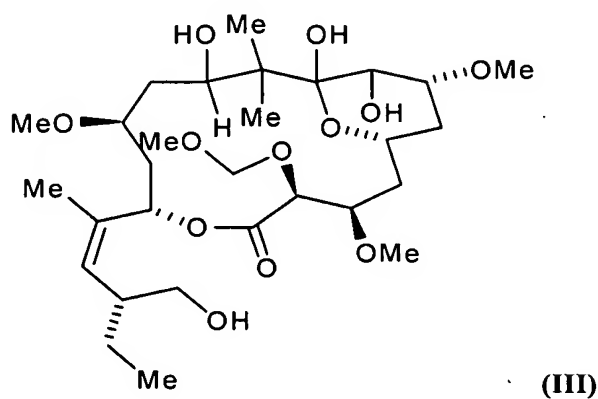


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

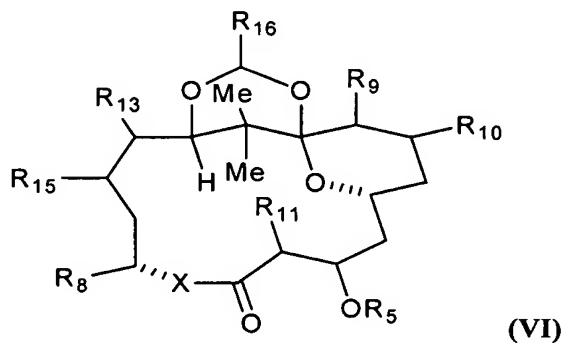
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Listing of Claims

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Original) A compound of formula:

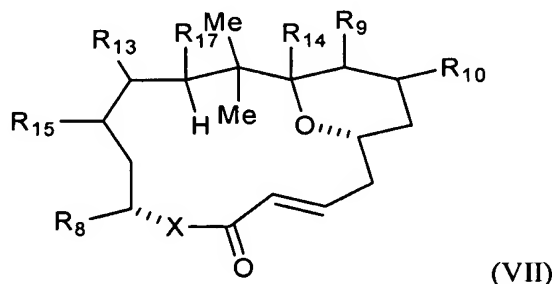


4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



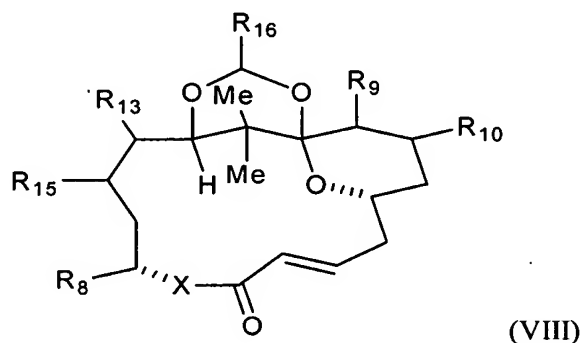
where R_{13} is H or Me, where R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{15} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R and R_5 can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or functionalized alkyl, where R_8 , R_{16} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, and where X is O or NH and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

7. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



where R_{13} is H or Me, where R_{14} , R_{17} can be the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, or OR, where R_9 , R_{10} , R_{15} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R is selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or functionalized alkyl, where R_8 is selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, where X is O or NH, and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

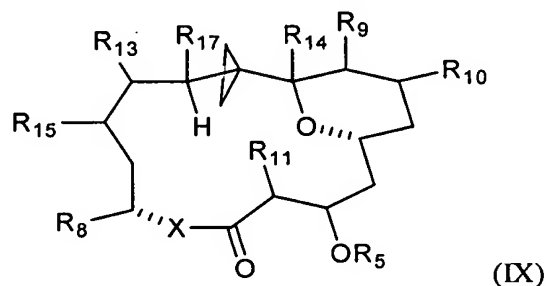
8. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



where R_{13} is H or Me, where R_9 , R_{10} , R_{15} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R is selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or

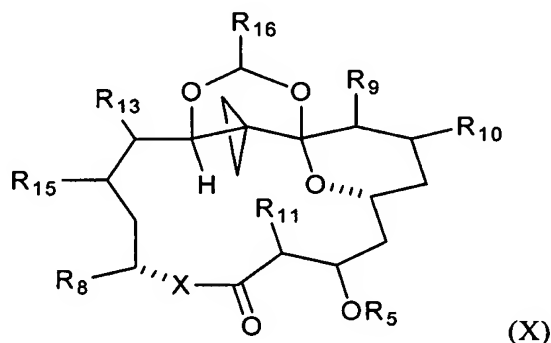
functionalized alkyl, where R_8 , R_{16} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, where X is O or NH, and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

9. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



where R_{13} is H or Me, where R_{14} , R_{17} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, or OR, where R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{15} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R and R_5 can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or functionalized alkyl, where R_8 is H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, where X is O or NH, and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

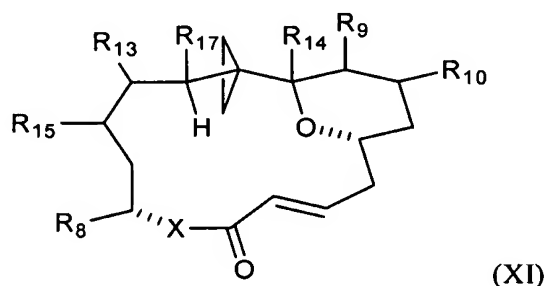
10. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



where R_{13} is H or Me, where R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{15} can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R and R_5 can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or functionalized alkyl, where R_8 , R_{16} can be the same or

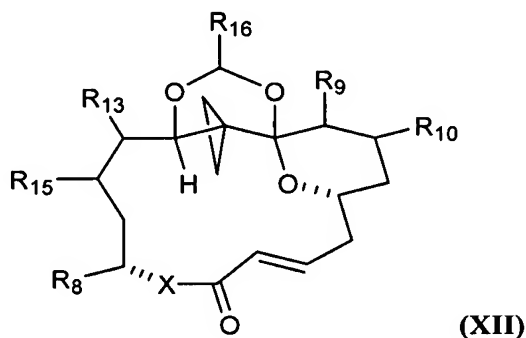
different and are selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, where X is O or NH, and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

11. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



where R₁₃ is H or Me, where R₁₄, R₁₇ can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, or OR, where R₉, R₁₀, R₁₅ can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R is selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or functionalized alkyl, where R₈ is H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, where X is O or NH, and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

12. (Previously presented) A compound of formula:



where R₁₃ is H or Me, where R₉, R₁₀, R₁₅ can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, Me, OR, where R is selected from the group consisting of H, Me, alkyl, or functionalized alkyl, where R₈, R₁₆ can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl,

and functionalized alkynyl, where X is O or NH, and wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method for treating cancer within a subject comprising ~~contacting a tumor cell within a~~ administering to the subject ~~with a~~ therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 3 and 6-12 ~~for a period of time and in an amount sufficient to inhibit growth of the tumor cell, wherein the cancer is selected from breast cancer, brain cancer, lung cancer, liver cancer, spleen cancer, renal cancer, lymph node cancer, intestinal cancer, blood cancer, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, stomach cancer, endometrium cancer, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, ovarian cancer, skin cancer, esophageal cancer, and bone marrow cancer.~~

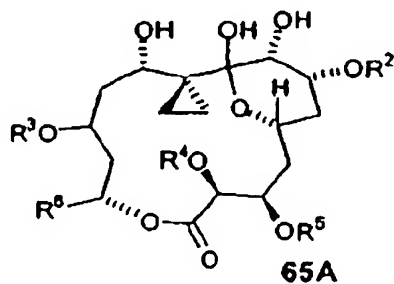
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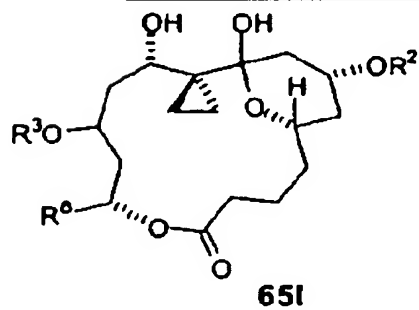
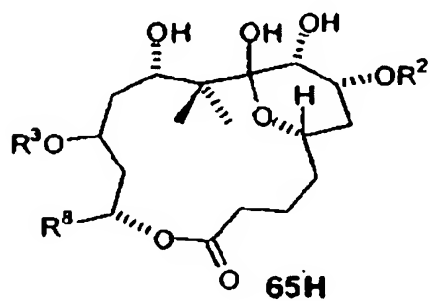
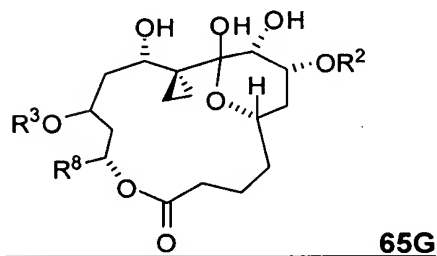
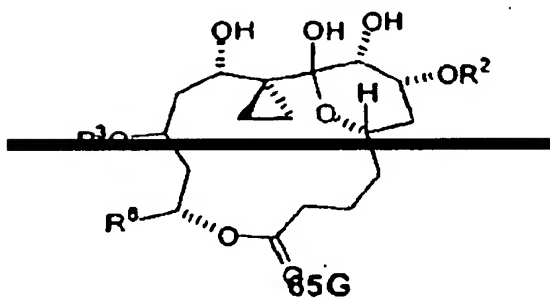
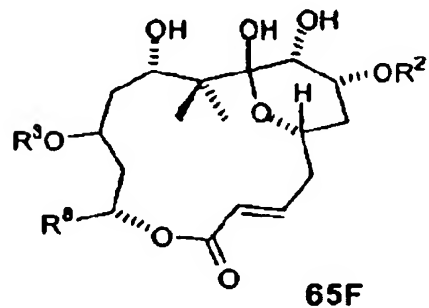
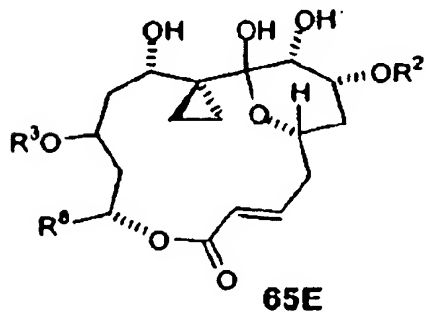
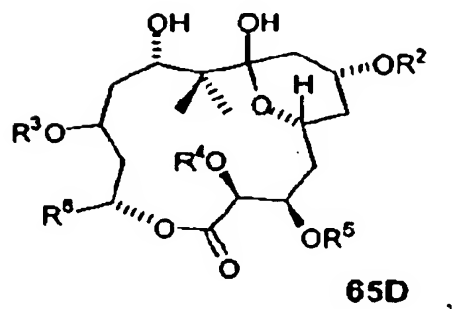
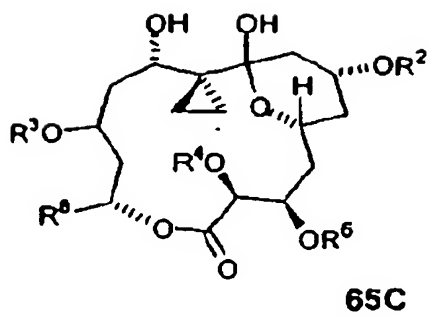
16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously presented) A method of stabilizing microtubule formation in a cell comprising administering to the cell the compound of any one of claims 3 and 6-12 for a period of time and in an amount sufficient to stabilize microtubule formation.

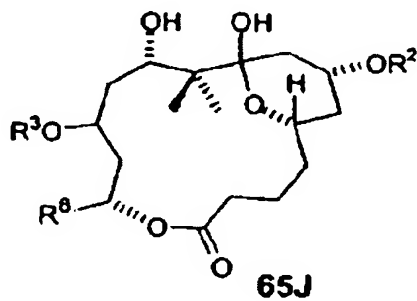
18.-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:





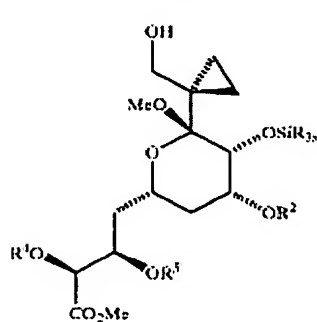
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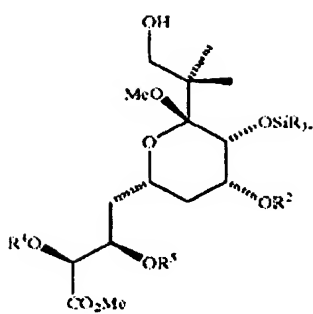


wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, and functionalized alkyl, and where R^8 is selected from the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl.

24. (Currently amended) A method of producing ~~Peloruside A~~ a macrolactone, comprising:

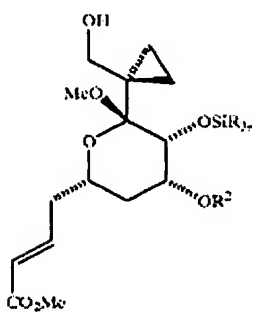
(a) oxidizing an alcohol function in a compounds selected from the group consisting of:





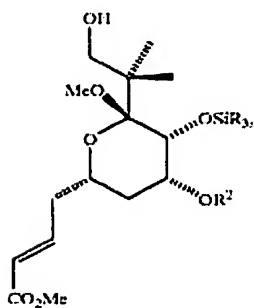
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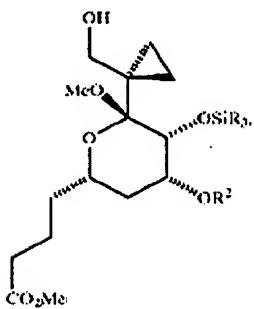
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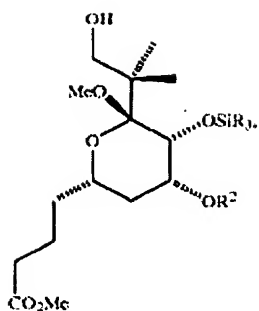
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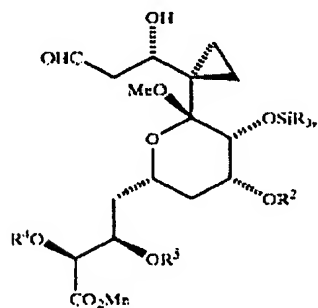


wherein R^2 , R^4 and R^5 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, and functionalized alkyl, wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl, to obtain a compound having an aldehyde function;

(b) reacting the compound obtained in (a) with an allylating agent;

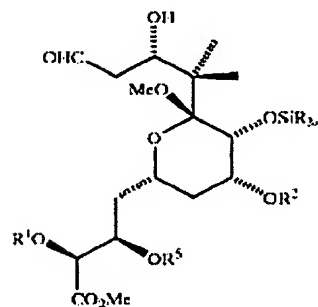
(c) subjecting the reaction product of (b) to oxidative cleavage of the aldehyde to obtain a compound selected from the group consisting of:

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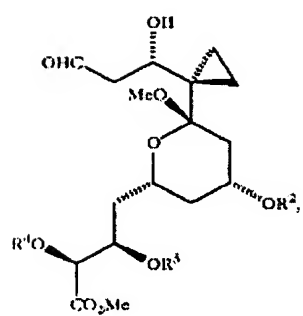


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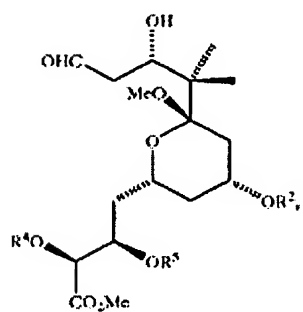


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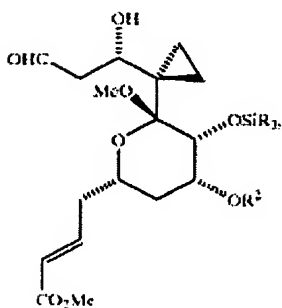
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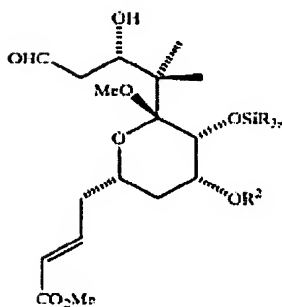
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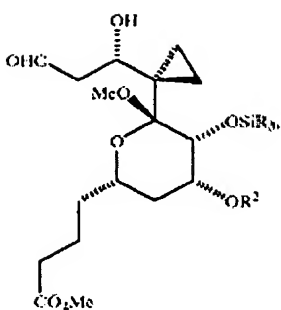
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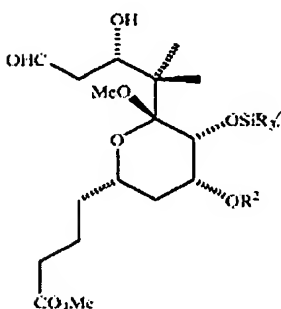
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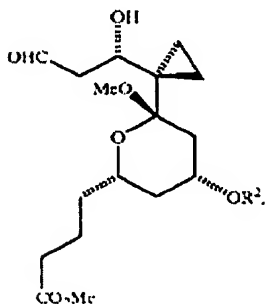
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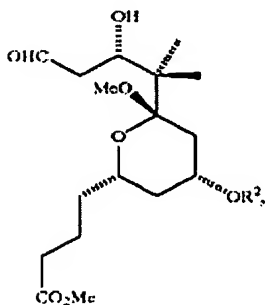
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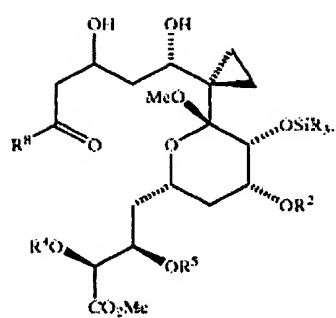
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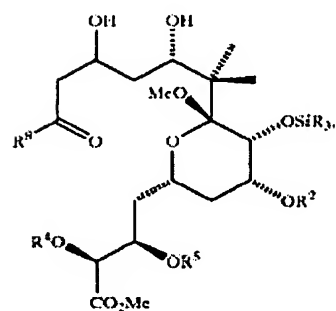
wherein R^2 , R^4 and R^5 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, and functionalized alkyl, wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl;

(d) reacting the compound obtained in (c) with an enolate derived from a methyl or ethyl ketone to obtain a compound selected from the group consisting of:



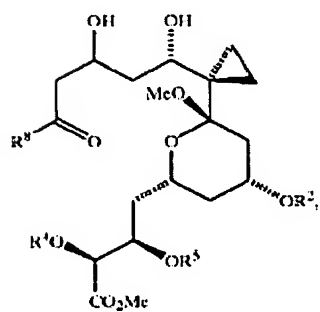
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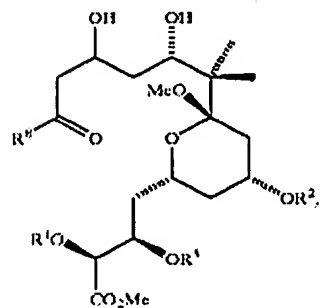
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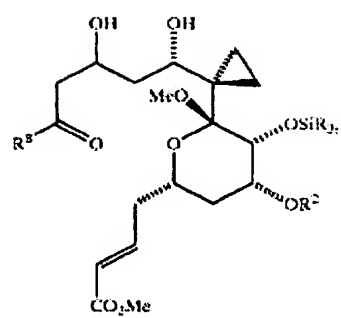
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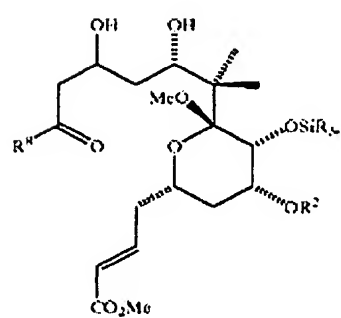
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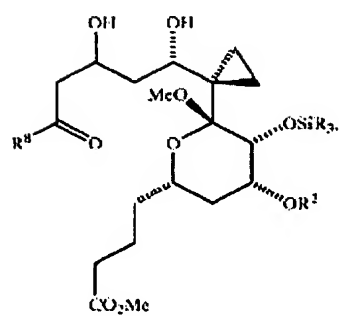
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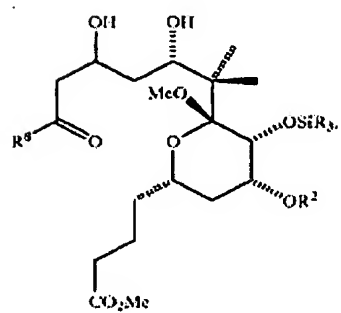
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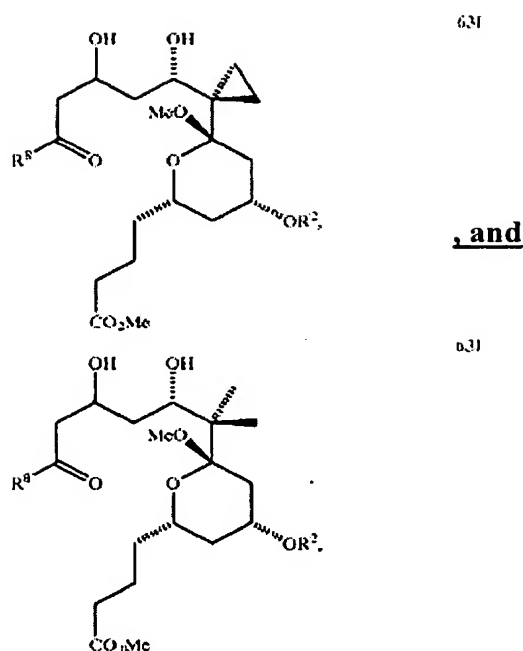
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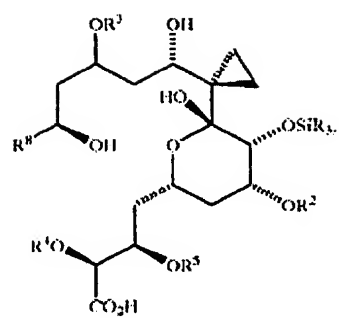
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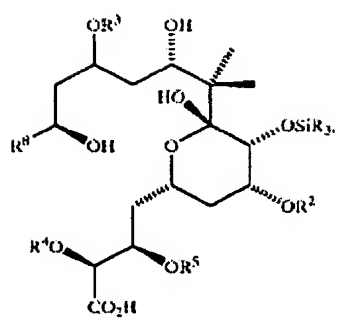
wherein R^2 , R^4 and R^5 can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, and functionalized alkyl, and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, functionalized alkenyl, alkynyl, and functionalized alkynyl, wherein the functional group is a heteroatom, a halide, an aryl, or a heteroaryl;

- (e) reacting the compound obtained in (d) with an alkylating agent to introduce and R^3 group;
- (f) subjecting the compound obtained in (e) with a reducing agent to reduce the ketone group in the compound obtained in (e) to an alcohol;
- (g) converting the alcohol group of the compound obtained in (f) to an ester group;
- (h) subjecting the compound obtained in (g) to an agent that hydrolyzes the ester group of the compound produced in (f) to a carboxylic acid group to obtain a seco-acid compound selected from the group consisting of:



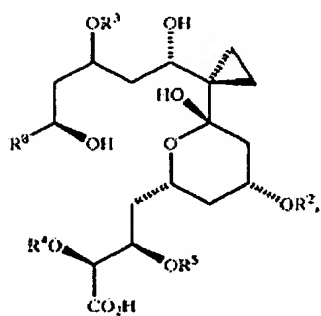
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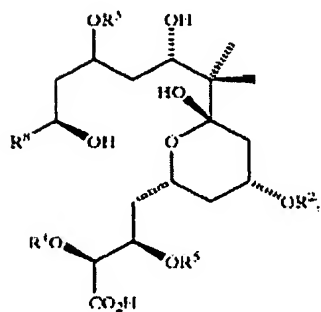
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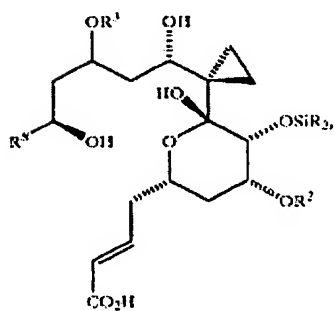
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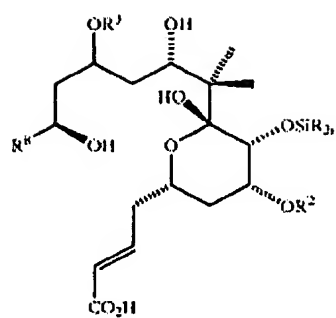
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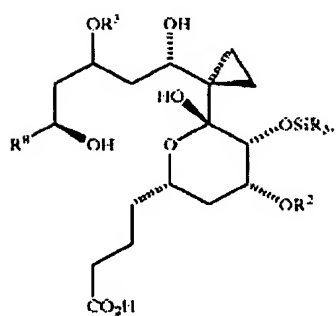
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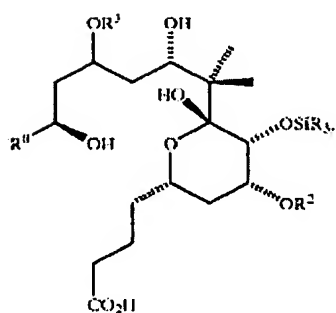
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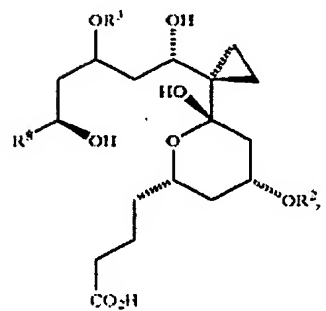
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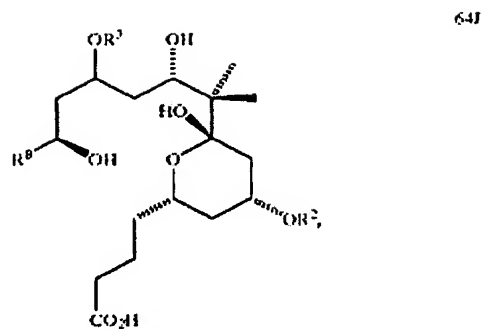
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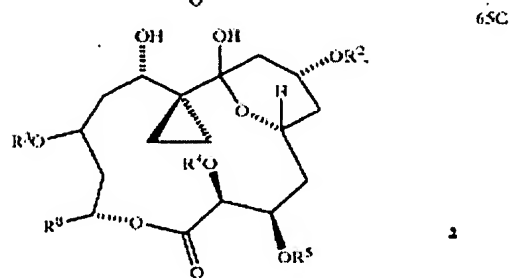
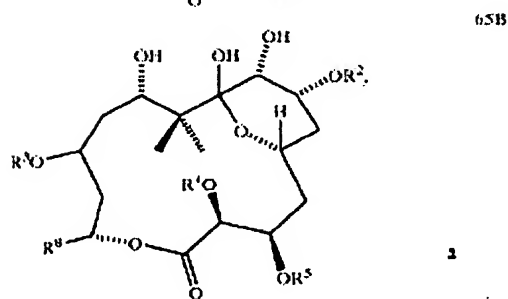
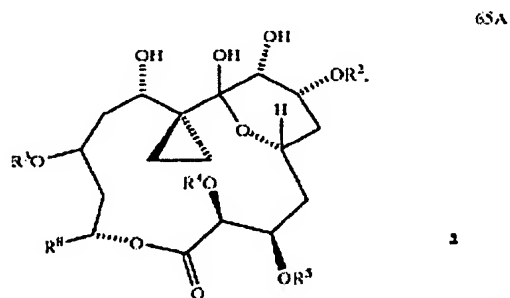
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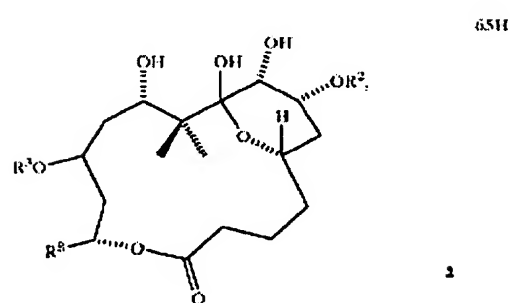
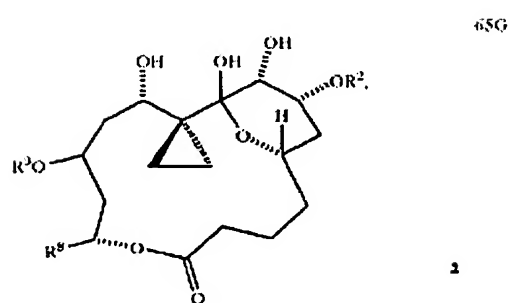
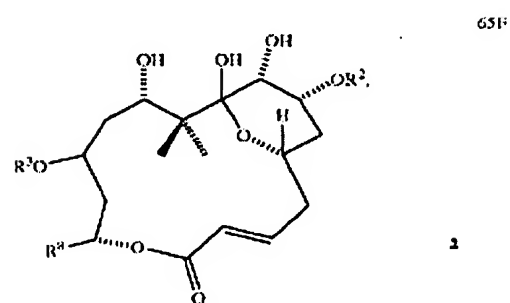
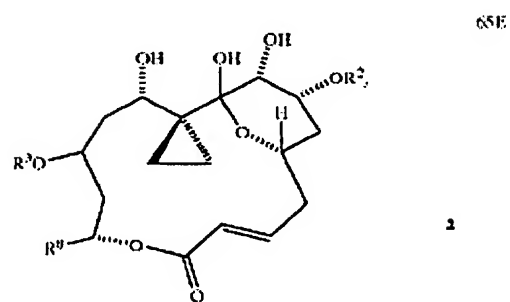
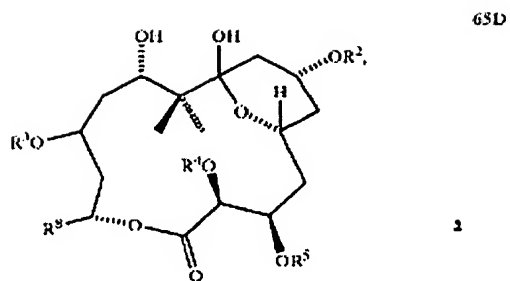
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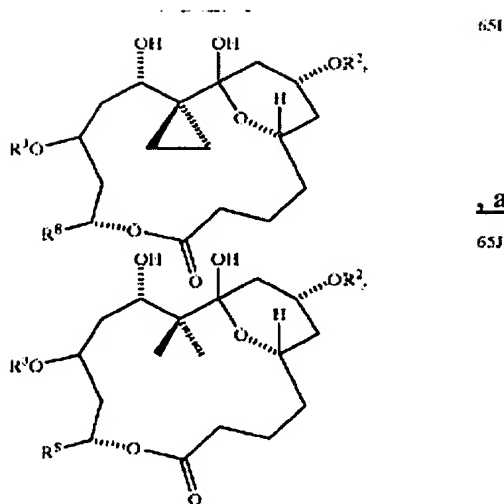


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(i) reacting the carboxylic acid group and a hydroxyl group of the compound produced in (h) to obtain a macrolactone selected from the group consisting of:





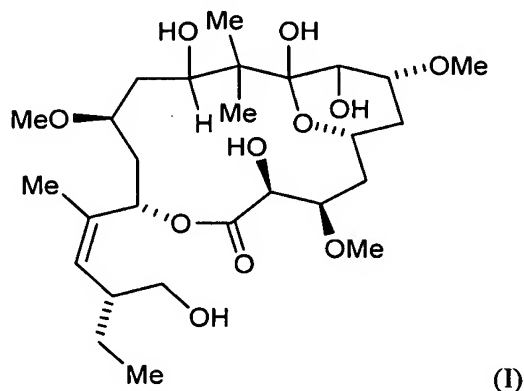


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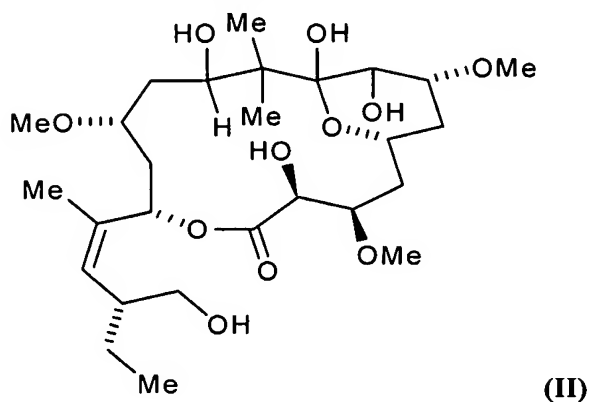
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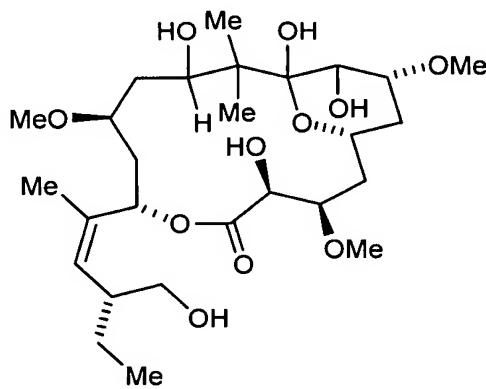
26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 24 wherein the macrolactone ~~has the formula~~ **is Peloruside A:**



27. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the macrolactone has the formula:



28. (Currently amended). A method of stabilizing microtubule formation in a cell comprising administering to the cell a **pharmaceutical** composition **comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula:**



~~of claim 1~~ for a period of time and in an amount sufficient to stabilize microtubule formation.